Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I want notice, Sir.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has the Government negotiated with or approached the Salvation Army who are very anxious to expand their activities with reference to leprosy relief to see whether there is any possibility to get them to do the work by giving them an amount as is now being done?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* There are various difficulties with regard to the expansion. One is, above all the question of accommodation; besides there is no medical man available. It is not a correct view that if there is a building, we can run a Leprosy Hospital. Unless proper men are available, it serves no purpose in having a big Leprosy Hospital.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it not that more segregation of lepers than cure of lepers that should be sought for?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Government agree that a certain amount of segregation is essential, but Government do not think that all lepers should be segregated.

APPARATUS—TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC—TRICHUR

235. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) list of special apparatus and instruments got down for the use of tuberculosis clinic at Trichur;

(*b*) the approximate value of the same;

(*c*) whether any of them have not been put to use up-to-date?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) and (*b*)—

	Rs.	*A.*	*P.*
X-ray machine complete 1	8,218	8	0
Pneumothorax apparatus 2	137	8	0
Microscope 1	704	0	0
Thoracoscopes 2	2,382	12	0
Electric Centrifuge 1	180	0	0
Incubator 1	515	0	0
Hot Air Oven 1	450	0	0
Inspissator 1	383	8	0

(*c*) No.

ARTICLE IN THE "JENMABHOOMI" DATED 24TH SEPTEMBER 1944

236 Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):*

Whether the Government be pleased to state: (*a*) whether they have noted the following article in "ജന്മഭൂമി" dated 24th September 1944 "കാർന്നാമാന്നങ്ങൊക്ക ചെന്നാൽ"

(*b*) the action taken by the Government to redress the grievances pointed out in the article?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No action was taken as the allegations were found to be not true.

ARTICLE IN THE "JENMABHUMI" DATED 29TH KARKADAGAM 1119

237. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have come across the article in the "Jenmabhumi" dated 29th Karkadagam 1119 about the Mettur Mull and the Trichur Field Officers;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, will they please state whether enquiries if any were made into this matter;

(*c*) what, if any, are the final orders on this?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Enquiries were made.

(*c*) The allegations were found to be baseless. No further order was passed.

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